

## Slip or Trip: Writing the Argument

If we were really an investigative team, we would need to file a report to the chief of police. Your job is to produce a rough draft of the report. Be sure to include:



### IN YOUR INTRODUCTION:

- ✓ A LEAD: (i.e. We arrived at the home of John and Rachel Muir on (insert today's date) at (time of day, when body was found)).
- ✓ What we found (stick to the facts—what you see, not how you interpret it).
- ✓ What Rachel said (go back to the text, and include quotes, if necessary).

### IN YOUR BODY PARAGRAPH(S):

- ✓ Several of the best examples of the evidence and corresponding “rules.”
- ✓ What the autopsy found (i.e. According to the autopsy report...).

### IN YOUR CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Does the evidence supports what Rachel said? Explain.
- ✓ Finally include your conclusion/recommendation: (i.e. Should the case be closed and deemed an accidental death, or should it remain open and be further investigated as a possible murder?)

### Tips:

Go section by section, and be specific, but **STICK TO THE FACTS!!!**

Be clear in your writing.

You must include 5-8 pieces of evidence. You may use the evidence organizer that you completed, but you may find that you need to organize the information in order of importance.

Have fun, and take pride in your work....this is a combined grade in both Reading & Writing, and you've already invested a lot in this assignment.